

WICHITA BAR ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

WBA is a voluntary membership organization. Approximately 90% of all practicing attorneys in the Sedgwick County area are members. The WBA currently has over 1,300 members. It is committed to serving its members by promoting professionalism, justice, and respect for the law.

Membership benefits include:

Committee Service Opportunities: Serving on a committee allows members to network with other attorneys with the same interests and practices, to stay up-to-date with changes in laws, and to provide service to the profession and the community. Committees meet regularly at the WBA office.

23 Committees to Choose From

Bankruptcy	Fee Dispute	Professional Diversity
Bar-o-Meter	Law-in-Education	Public Relations
Business Law	Lawyer Referral	Real Estate Practice
Civil Practice	Lawyers Assistance	Service to the Bar
Continuing Legal Ed.	Legislative	Summer Intern Program
Criminal Practice	Medical-Legal	Technology
Ethics	Membership	Unauthorized Practice of Law
Family Law	Probate	

Conference Rooms: Conference rooms are available to WBA members at no charge, subject to availability. Simply call ahead to reserve a room for depositions, mediations, conferences, etc.

Continuing Legal Education: WBA Continuing Legal Education seminars are more economical for WBA members and assist members in meeting their professional educational requirements. Handout materials may be purchased for a nominal fee. A Practical Skills seminar is offered to new lawyers annually at no charge.

Credit Card Processing: ePaymentAmerica (previously TX Legal) is the WBA's preferred credit card processing company. They offer a savings of 15-40% to WBA members who accept credit card payments from their clients. Info: <http://www.wichitabar.org/txlegal.php>

Directory: A WBA pictorial membership directory, which is continually updated and includes practice area information, is available in the members-only section of the Wichita Bar Association website at www.wichitabar.org.

Document Destruction Discount: The following document destruction company has agreed to give a discount to WBA members: Shred-it Document Service – 491-2090. Identify yourself as a WBA member and you will be eligible for a discount on services.

Express Employment Professionals: This employment agency is the WBA's recommended staffing provider and offers a substantial discount to WBA members for their staffing needs.

Family Event: The WBA Membership Committee plans an annual family event allowing members to enjoy time together with their families and colleagues.

Insurance: As a member of the WBA, you can receive up to 30% in discounts on individual disability income insurance from Principal Financial Group.

Judges' Day: Barbecue, golf tournaments, pool tournament, and skeet shoot are fall events creating opportunities for fun and collegiality.

Law Day: Law Day celebrations occur annually in recognition of the importance of the rule of law. Attorneys, staff members and clients attend the Law Day luncheon, which is usually held the first week of May. Attorneys and judges speak to children in area schools.

Lawyer Referral Service: The LRS helps members of the general public who are looking for an attorney. Participating attorneys build their practices while performing community service.

Mailing Labels: Membership mailing labels are available at a discount for WBA members.

Mentoring Program: This is an opportunity for experienced attorneys to share their skills, knowledge and connections with another attorney who desires to develop the same abilities. The goal of the program is to assist attorneys in attaining a high level of professionalism and competence in the legal profession and to experience networking opportunities. Anyone wishing to participate may call the WBA office, 263-2251, Ext. 102, for more information or to receive an application.

Monthly Luncheons: Monthly luncheons, with a variety of guest speakers, are held the second Tuesday of each month, from October through April. Election of new officers takes place at the March luncheon.

Newsletter: A \$25.00 subscription to the monthly news magazine, the Bar-o-Meter, is provided to WBA members. It contains highlights of bar activities, articles on legal issues, interesting activities of colleagues and a calendar of bar events.

Officers: New officers are installed each year at a dinner held in June.

WBA Bar Show: The KBA annual convention is held in Wichita every three years, with the next one scheduled for June, 2013. The WBA presents a Bar Show during the convention and invites all WBA members to participate. Historically, the show is a musical political satire.

Website: Legal links, news, and weather are just a click away at www.wichitabar.org. Our interactive calendar lets you find committee meeting schedules and CLE seminars. You can export calendar entries directly to your electronic calendar. Our Members-Only section includes a full year of Bar-o-Meters, and with our shopping cart you can pay securely online for CLE seminars, WBA membership, and all bar events.